(*e*) Any other items necessary for the welfare of the village and convenience of the people.

The book may be revised once every 10 years with the necessary alterations in the light of subsequent events. The book may be sold at a nominal price to the public.

The mover also referred to a book maintained for the purpose in the Madras Presidency and represented that the Government should undertake the preparation of the hand book as in Madras.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 70.

Grant of lands for cultivation without auction sale.

Messrs. Revana Siddaiya and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Banjar* lands applied for for cultivation may be granted to the first applicant without auction sale.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The existing rules provide for this.

SUBJECT NO. 71.

Estates under Marikanave and Cauvery Reservoirs.

Mr. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As suggested by Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur in the Agricultural Committee of the Economic Conference, some plots under the Marikanave and the Cauvery Reservoirs may be set apart for forming large estates. They may be given out for cultivation free of cost to such enlightened and enthusiastic raiyats as undertake to cultivate them. A Special Officer may be appointed who can import men from outside rendering them such help as they require, partly at Government and partly at private cost, till the people take to settling in these parts of their own accord.

The lists of lands recently published as available for large estates consist of lands for which there is no demand and which it would not, therefore, be profitable to take up. The only way of fostering large estates would be to set apart fairly good lands to attract investment by really enterprising and capable people.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 72.

(*a*) Grant of lands for cocoanut gardens.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

(*b*) Grant of lands included in the Date Reserve lists for cultivation.

Mr. Hariyanna, Arsikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Lands required for raising cocoanut gardens may be granted without any restrictions whatever even though they may be reserved for the Excise or Amrit Mahal Departments.

There are large areas in the Kadur, Hosdurga, Arsikere and the bordering taluks reserved as date groves, which contain only a few date trees and which are likely to become valuable cocoanut gardens. All such lands should be made available for cocoanut cultivation. There are also Amrit Mahal kavals similarly suited for cocoanut cultivation.

(*b*) *Darkhasts* for lands included in the lists of Date Reserves are rejected on the ground that they contain date trees although they yield no toddy. As it is difficult to procure lands for cultivation, it is prayed that

a Special Officer may be deputed to inspect the lands included in the Reserve Lists to ascertain the income derived therefrom during the past 20 years, and that such of them as are not yielding any excise revenue to Government may be granted for cultivation.

Reply of Government.—It is under contemplation to revise the list of Date Reserves. Lands which are not really wanted will be thrown open to cultivation. Special cases may be brought at once to the notice of the local officers, so that they may make the lands available without delay, if there is no objection otherwise.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Lands for cardamom cultivation.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad taluk.

(1) *Summary of discussion.*—Large tracts of land are being given away by the Forest Department for cardamom cultivation. If similar arrangements are made by the Revenue Department, the poor raiyats would be much benefited.

(2) It is prayed that tracts in the Manjarabad taluk lying to the west of the ghats may be given out for cardamom cultivation.

(3) Except paddy and coffee no staple food grains are grown in the malnad. Poor people find it difficult to get other necessaries for want of funds. It is prayed that they may be granted small bits of suitable land near their villages in the areas within which cardamom cultivation is now prohibited.

(4) When waste coffee lands are disposed of by auction under Coffee Rules, *saguvali* chits are issued on the express condition that no other crop should be raised and a *mutchalika* is also taken to that effect. It is prayed that this restriction may be removed. There are certain lowlying lands included in these estates which are only fit for cardamom cultivation and the present restriction is therefore very prejudicial.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 74.

Removal of restriction *re* erection of buildings on *khate* lands.

Mr. Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The restriction imposed on the raiyats in constructing buildings on their *khate* lands has been the cause of damage and loss of crops grown by the raiyats. This should be removed.

In seasons of plague special facilities should be given for constructing neat houses.

Reply of Government.—There is no objection even now to the construction of farm houses and temporary structures.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Change of assessment on lands during periods of water scarcity.

(1) Messrs. Chik Ramanna and Byre Gowda, Kolar taluk, Khadrepps,

Summary of discussion.—(1) (*a*) Under the present system, the raiyats have to pay the assessment whether they get any crops or not. In the latter case, the raiyats have to pay the assessment either by selling their cattle or contracting debts. It is prayed that orders may be